

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the above application. Claims 1-5,8,16 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schuck et al. in view of Bartlett. Claims 6 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schuck et al in view of Bartlett as applied to claims 1-5, 8, 16 and 18 and further in view of any one of Agrawal et al. '516, Alexeev et al. or Acharya et al. Finally, claims 9-15 were allowed.

Claims 1-5, 6, 8,16, 18 and 20 rejected under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1-5, 6, 8, 16, 18 and 20 have been cancelled.

Claims 7, 17 and 19 rejected under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 7, 17, and 19 have been rewritten in independent form.

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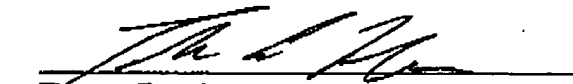
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CONCLUSION

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his assistance. In light of the above amendments, Applicant submits that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments that would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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